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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIA REGARDING UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON  
THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILDREN IN LEBANON

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11. Acting EconPol Counselor and PolOff delivered reftel demarche on October 25 to Peter Huber, the MFA,s Deputy Head of the International Organizations Department. Huber stated that Austria shares the USG concern that there is a trend to inject contentious political issues into the UN's human rights fora. Huber said that, in general, EU Member States "are not happy" with these resolutions. He added that Austria would coordinate its position with other EU Member States. Pointing to the unbalanced nature of the resolutions, Huber underscored that the GoA remains skeptical as to the utility of these resolutions. According to Huber, the GoA will develop its final position after input from the three relevant MFA Departments -- Human Rights, Middle East, and International Organizations.  
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